



SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

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President of the Republic

Based on the provisions of the construction and the decision reached by the parliament in the session held in the date of 04/02/1439 H and 24 /10/2017.

Prescribes the following:

Article 1

The following expressions have the meanings stated by each one:

“**The Ministry**” means the Ministry of Transport.

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“**Directorate**” means the General Directorate of Ports (the Competent Maritime Authority).

“**General Director**” means the General Director of Ports.

“**Convention** ” means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended

“**Seafarer**” means any person who is employed or engaged or works in any capacity on board a ship.

“**Master**” means the person having command of a ship.

“**Officer**” means a member of the crew, other than the master, designated in any of the following incapacity (chief mate, chief engineer officer, second engineer officer, Officer in charge of a navigational watch, Officer in charge of an engineering watch or Electro-Technical Officer).

“**Chief Mate**” means the officer next in rank to the master and upon whom the command of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master.

“**Chief engineer officer**” means the senior engineer officer responsible for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship.

“**Second Engineer Officer**” means the engineer officer next in rank to the chief engineer officer and upon whom the responsibility for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the chief engineer officer.

“**Electro-Technical Officer**” means the officer in charge of the operation, maintenance and repair of electronic, electrical and control systems on board of the ship.

“**Rating**” means a member of the ship’s crew other than the master or an officer.

“**Recognized Institution**” means any maritime training and education institution approved by the Directorate.

“**Marine pilot**” means the qualified person who guides and controls over the ships within the ports.

“**Gross Tonnage**” means the measure of the overall size of a ship determined in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention for the Measurement of Shiploads of 1969

“**Propulsion Power**” means the total maximum continuous rated output power, in kilowatts, of all the ship’s main propulsion machinery which appears on the ship’s certificate of registry.

“**Certificate**” means a valid document, by whatever name it may be known, issued by or under the authority of the Directorate or recognized by the Directorate authorizing the holder to serve as state in this document.

“**International Voyage**” means a sea voyage from a country to a port outside such country, or conversely.

“**Short International Voyage**” means an international voyage in the course of which a ship is not more than 200 miles from a port or place in which the passengers and crew could be placed in safety Neither the distance between the last port of call in the country in which the voyage begins and the final port of destination nor the return voyage shall exceed 600 miles. The final port of destination is the last port of call in the scheduled voyage at which the ship commences its return voyage to the country in which the voyage began.

“**Safe Manning**” means the minimum number of qualified and experienced seafarers necessary for the safety and security of the ship, crew, passengers, cargo and property and for the protection of the marine environment.

Article 2

The Director-General shall award the certificates for masters, officers and ratings in accordance with the provisions of the Convention

Article 3

The Minister shall issue the required resolutions regarding:

- awarding certificates and applying all provisions of the Convention.
- Safe Manning Requirements of Syrian vessels.

Article 4

The Minister shall issue resolutions regarding:

- degrees of marine pilots and conditions of awarding the certificate for each degree.
- conditions and procedures for granting certificates for workers on board ships which not covered by the provisions of the Convention.

Article 5

Navy officers who have left the service on board warships may obtain certificates enabling them to work on merchant ships in accordance with conditions and procedures issued by the Minister.

Article 6

The fees incurred by issuing, renewal and authenticate of certificates and fees for the submission of examinations shall be determined in accordance with resolution shall be issued by the Minister in coordination with the Minister of Finance.

Article 7

The Financial compensation of those conducting the examination process and financial fines for violation of the provisions of this Law and its executive instructions shall be determined by a resolution of the Minister in coordination with the Minister of Finance.

Article 8

This law revokes Law No. 57 dated 23/10/2001.

Article 9

This law is to be published in the gazette.

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President of The Republic**